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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. AFRICA: COUPS AND TERRORISTS

A. MALI NOT CODDLING INSURGENTS

EMBASSY BAMAKO HAS LEARNED FROM THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO MALI  
OF NUMEROUS RECENT ARRESTS OF MALIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND EN-  
LISTED MEN FOR ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITY. THE EMBASSY WAS TOLD:

--ALL THOSE ARRESTED WERE STATIONED AT A MAJOR MILITARY  
BASE NEAR BAMAKO.

--ONE COUP LEADER WAS ARRESTED AFTER MAKING DRUNKEN  
ANTI-REGIME REMARKS AND HIS INTERROGATION LED TO THE  
ARREST OF THE OTHERS.

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--THE PLOT MAY HAVE INVOLVED THREE MEMBERS OF THE RUL-  
ING MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND DEFENSE MINISTER DOUKERA  
WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED APRIL 25.

EMBASSY COMMENT: A GENERAL POLITICAL MALAISE AFFECTS MALI,  
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST ACCOUNT OF ARRESTS FOR COUP PLOTTING  
SINCE THE EARLY 1970'S. THERE ARE NO EXTERNAL SIGNS OF  
TROUBLE, BUT COUP RUMORS ARE WIDESPREAD AMONG THE FRENCH  
AND LEBANESE COMMUNITIES.

#### B. CHAD-CAMEROON: NEIGHBORLY COUPING

CONSULATE DOUALA HAS BEEN TOLD OF CONFIRMED FRENCH DIPLO-  
MATIC REPORTS INDICATING CAMEROONIAN AND CHADIAN STUDENTS  
ARE GOING FROM PARIS TO ALGIERS FOR TRAINING IN TERRORIST  
TACTICS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS:

--THE ILLEGAL PRO-COMMUNIST CAMEROON PEOPLE'S UNION  
(UPS) AND ITS CHADIAN COUNTERPART HAVE AGREED TO HELP  
EACH OTHER OVERTHROW THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIMES.

--THE RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT  
MALLOUN IN CHAD MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

--SERIOUS DISTURBANCES ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN  
CAMEROON IN NOVEMBER.

EMBASSY COMMENT: INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE AN INSUR-  
GENT COMMANDO UNIT, TRAINED BY CUBANS IN ALGIERS, IS PLAN-  
NING TO INVADE CAMEROON VIA NIGERIA THIS YEAR. (CONFIDEN-  
TIAL) BAMAKO 1377; (SECRET) BAMAKO 1380, 1381 AND YAOUNDE  
1478, 4/26.)

#### 2. PORTUGAL: SOCIALISTS PONDER THEIR NEXT MOVE

WITH ALMOST ALL ELECTION RESULTS IN, EMBASSY LISBON COM-  
MENTS ON SOCIALIST OPTIONS WITH THEIR 35 PER CENT PLURALITY.  
ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY:

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--THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A VIABLE CIVILIAN GOVERN-  
MENT WITHOUT THE SOCIALISTS.

--IF THEY DECIDE TO GO IT ALONE, THE PS MAY BE ABLE TO  
PICK UP SUPPORT FROM THE LEFT OR RIGHT, DEPENDING ON  
THE ISSUE.

--THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF A COALITION WITH EITHER THE

LEFT OR RIGHT, BUT RIGHT-WING MILITARY PRESSURES MAKES AN ALLIANCE WITH THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS THE MORE LIKELY ALTERNATIVE.

--HE MILITARY WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE ELECTION RESULTS, BUT BOTH THE LEFT AND FAR RIGHT CAN LIVE WITH THE RESULTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ENVISAGE A PERIOD OF INTENSE MANEUVERING AS THE PARTIES AND THE MILITARY SEEK A BALANCE WHICH WILL MAKE GOVERNMENT POSSIBLE. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THESE COMPROMISES WILL UNDERMINE THE SUPPORT ANY GOVERNMENT WILL NEED TO FACE UP TO THE COUNTRY'S ALMOST INTRACTABLE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 2695, 4/26.)

### 3. JORDAN'S HAWKS

#### A. HUSSEIN STILL INTERESTED

PRIME MINISTER RIFAI BRIEFED AMBASSADOR PICKERING ON A RECENT EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE GOJ AND SAUDI PRINCE FAHD. SPEAKING FOR THE KING, RIFAI REAFFIRMED THAT JORDAN IS STILL INTERESTED IN THE HAWKS--AND SAUDI FUNDING--AND SAID THE LETTER TO THE SAUDIS MADE CLEAR THAT:

--NOTHING IS OFF UNTIL THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

--IF THE SAUDIS ARE NOT PREPARED TO FUND MORE THAN \$300 MILLION, JORDAN WILL HAVE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE BUT HOPES THE SAUDIS WILL DEPOSIT THE \$300 MILLION IN JORDAN'S ACCOUNT.

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AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: THE JORDANIANS ARE LIKELY TO BE HARD-NOSED ON THEIR NEED FOR ASSURANCES OF FULL FUNDING, AND THE SAUDIS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS. NEVERTHELESS, RIFAI HAS BEEN CLEAR AND CATEGORICAL WITH ME TODAY BOTH ON WANTING TO BUY FROM THE US AND HIS HOPE THAT SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

#### B. JORDAN GOVERNMENT LEAKING THE STORY?

EMBASSY JIDDA IS CONCERNED ABOUT AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY FROM AMMAN QUOTING JORDANIAN OFFICIALS AS SAYING:

--THE US HAS REDUCED THE PRICE OF A HAWK SYSTEM FROM \$800 MILLION TO \$500 MILLION TO KEEP JORDAN FROM TURN-

ING TO A SOVIET SYSTEM.

--THE GOJ IS IN TOUCH WITH THE SAG TO STUDY THE NEW  
OFFER.

--JORDAN AND THE USSR WILL EXCHANGE MILITARY DELEGA-  
TIONS.

--THE MISSILE QUESTION IS EXPECTED TO ARISE DURING  
CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE CAN ONLY SERVE TO COMPLICATE  
A POSITIVE SAUDI RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT DEMARCHE. WE HOPE  
THE JORDANIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED WILL EXERCISE MORE RE-  
STRAINT UNTIL A SAG RESPONSE IS FORTHCOMING. (SECRET)  
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